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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD  
FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

Examiner: Wayne Amsbury

Art Unit: 2171

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from February 9, 2002 to March 9, 2002 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2001, please enter the amendments and remarks below. Marked-up versions of the changes to the specification and the claims are attached to this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-25.